Docket No.: 088857-00000US

Client Ref. No.: 111474

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Confirmation No.: 3261

Massimo MORBIDELLI, et al.

Examiner:

Not Yet Assigned

Application No.: 10/586,065

Art Unit:

Not Yet Assigned

Int'l. Filing Date: January 13, 2005

Request for Refund

For: METHOD FOR THE

PRODUCTION OF A CHEMICAL REACTION PRODUCT WITH THE AID

OF A FIXED-BED REACTOR

August 23, 2007 San Francisco, CA 94111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On July 14, 2006, applicant paid the large entity national filing fee of \$900.00 as is evidenced by a copy of the postcard which carries a Patent Office date stamp of July 14, 2006.

The above-identified US National Phase application inadvertently did not claim small entity status, although Applicants were entitled to it. It has recently been discovered that failure to establish such small entity status was inadvertent and was made without deceptive intent. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the refund payment be processed and that the error be excused.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to credit half the fee in the amount of \$450.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Massimo MORBIDELLI, et al. Application No.: 10/586,065 Page 2

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite the granting of the requested credit, please telephone the undersigned at 415.576.0200.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor San Francisco, California 94111-3834 Tel: (415) 576-0200 Fax: (415) 576-0300 JGS:bmb

61132861 v1